

Questions and Answers on the Referendum

1. Question—How has the European war affected the fire cured tobacco situation?

Answer: In the past, about 60 per cent of the fire cured tobacco has been exported. With all Europe geared to a military economy, and so much of it by blockade, exports for fire cured tobacco have practically disappeared and will remain at extremely low levels for the duration of the war. Exports dropped from 65 million pounds for the year ending October 1, 1939, to an estimated 30 million in 1940. Present world conditions indicate an export market for not over 20 million pounds for 1941. There is little prospect of regaining substantial quantities of the European market after the war ends.

Question—Is an increase in domestic consumption likely to make up for loss of exports?

Answer: Only about 40 per cent of the fire cured crop has been consumed in this country. Declines in the use of chewing tobacco and Cuban pipe cigars have resulted in some loss in domestic consumption in recent years, however, domestic consumption has remained fairly stable.

Question—Does the 1940 crop exceed current consumption and export?

Answer: Yes, substantially. Even with a 1940 crop estimated at 96 million pounds, it is probable that production this year will exceed domestic consumption and exports for the coming year by 85 million pounds.

Question—What is the present supply of fire cured tobacco?

Answer: With an estimated carry over as of October 1, 1940, of 145 million pounds and a 1940 crop of 96 million pounds, total fire cured supply reaches 241 million pounds.

Question—Is this supply excessive?

Answer: Yes. This supply is about 3 1/2 times estimated consumption and exports for 1941.

Question—How can growers avoid extremely low prices for fire cured tobacco?

Answer: Under present conditions it will be necessary for growers to reduce plantings, if disastrously low prices are to be avoided not only for future crops, but also the 1940 crop.

Question—What are some of the advantages of marketing quotas?

Answer: The marketing quota system is a device by which the farmer markets his tobacco through a central marketing agency. This agency is responsible for the sale of the tobacco and for the payment of the price to the farmer. The system is designed to stabilize the market and to protect the farmer from the fluctuations of the market.

Question—What is the penalty for marketing in excess of the farm quota?

Answer: The penalty on all marketing in excess of the farm quota is 5 cents a pound. Penalties are collected beginning with the first sale of tobacco.

Question—Will there be any transfer of marketing quotas or sale of marketing quotas?

Answer: No. The marketing quota system is designed to be a permanent system. There will be no transfer of quotas and no sale of quotas.

Question—What is the purpose of the referendum?

Answer: The purpose of the referendum is to determine whether or not the people of the Appomattox Valley desire the establishment of a marketing quota system for fire cured tobacco.

Question—What is the result of the referendum?

Answer: The result of the referendum is that the people of the Appomattox Valley have voted in favor of the establishment of a marketing quota system for fire cured tobacco.

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Philadelphia Lawyer Needed for Radio License

If you ever get the idea that you would like to get a license from the government to operate a radio station—don't do it unless you are prepared to answer hundreds of questions, intimate ones and other kinds of questions, and to place on exhibit a score of confidential papers ranging from your birth certificate to when your Aunt Mame had her last operation. The Federal Communications Commission requires the applicants to fill out a 4-page questionnaire.

Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service has requested the closing of a section of State Route 24 through the Appomattox Battlefield for approximately one mile, and open in lieu thereof a new road for a distance of 600 feet, the being necessary for a proper development of the Old Court House Site with various monuments, etc.

It is ordered by the State Highway Commission that under Chapter 212, Section 2, Acts of the General Assembly of 1926, the State Highway Commission grant the request of the National Park Service and close the present section of Route 24 through the Appomattox Battlefield grounds when a new road has been opened in lieu thereof from near the Appomattox River, southwest for approximately 600 feet.

Further that any objection to the closing of this section of road must be filed in writing in the office of the State Highway Commissioner, Richmond, Virginia, on or before twelve o'clock noon, December 24th, 1940.

U. S. Naval Commander Walter Frederick Boone, who left Washington for London via Atlantic cable to Portugal, on what purported to be a secret mission.

Rudolf Sooy returned home last Sunday from the Memorial hospital.

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Evergreen Happenings

Nov. 19.—The Stone and Sons, who are in the business of selling evergreen trees, have a large stock of evergreen trees for sale. They are located at the corner of Main and Second streets, Appomattox, Virginia.

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Spout Spring News Items

Spout Spring, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Annie Perkins, of Lynchburg, was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parrow and son, Robert, spent Sunday with their father, R. L. Moore.

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Sneeze by Stroboscope Studied by Scientists

That respiratory diseases may be spread through the expulsion of germs in a sneeze or cough is fairly generally known. With the aid of a comparatively new photographic process, which can take 600 pictures a second, an investigation was underway to determine how widely and rapidly the droplets in a sneeze spread. The investigators hoped their findings would be of some help in the battle against respiratory diseases.

The photographic process used was that invented by Dr. Harold Eder of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Called stroboscopic photography, the process differs from ordinary photography in that the camera shutter is left open and the light (supplied by a gas-filled tube, or stroboscope) is broken into 30,000 flashes a minute. Impressions are left on the photographic plate each time the light flashes, in ordinary photography the light remains constant and the camera shutter opens and closes.

Heading the research into the common sneeze was one of Dr. Eder's colleagues at M. I. T., Prof. Marshall W. Jenkins, who is a department of biology and public health. Using Eder's technique, Prof. Jenkins made a series of photographs of the effect of a sneeze. Among his early findings:

Near the end of a sneeze, the mouth closes involuntarily and projects a high speed jet of air (about 100 miles a second) which carries a great number of droplets ranging down to one hundredth of an inch in diameter are expelled.

In a single sneeze, thousands of droplets are expelled. The smallest of these droplets evaporate and are left floating in the air. These particles may be distributed to other persons.

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